

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 7, 1978

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Crain. Mr. Herring was the only Member absent.

Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Ables and carried to approve minutes of the February 28th meeting as furnished.

After discussion of the special election to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Moore with County Attorney Fedder, Mr. Bailes moved to hold the election on May 9th and furnish necessary funds for this election (approximately \$2,750) with the election commission clerk to be paid hourly for extra work required not to exceed \$900, Mr. Ables seconded and it was carried.

Sallie Kudra, Animal Shelter Manager, requested a State Statue be made a County Ordinance to keep dogs from running at large without a rabies tag. After discussion Mr. Ables moved, Mr. Frady seconded and it was carried to adopt on 1st Reading Ordinance 78-4 changing our present humane officer to county rabies control officer and to require dogs be vaccinated against rabies and wear tags.

Council agreed to refund the humane society \$541.83, the amount paid to rebuild a motor for the eutherine chamber at the animal shelter. The motion by Mr. Crain seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

Ordinance 78-1 was passed on Second Reading upon a motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Frady, the vote 7 Yes and 0 No.

Ordinance 78-2 was passed on Second Reading upon a motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Thomas, the vote 7 Yes and 0 No.

Ordinance 78-3 "Supplemental Budget Ordinance" was passed on First Reading upon a motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Cox. The vote, 6 Yes and 0 No. Abstaining 1 (Mr. Crain) The public notice in regard to this Ordinance to be published in the newspapers was read by Mr. Bailes.

Law Enforcement Center Director, Bill Yarborough gave Council a briefing on the operations of the Center. Council agreed for the Law Enforcement Committee to come up with a cost figure to charge cities when their prisoners are held in the Center.

No action was taken on a request for additional funds for the civil defense operation except for the request for training courses. Council agreed for Civil Defense Director, June Black to continue the courses and the fees for books and materials would be worked out with Tri County Tec Officials, the motion by Mr. Ables seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried. Mr. Blacks request, in addition to the above, was for telephone, radio maintenance, gasoline and the purchase of two new ambulances (most of the cost of the ambulances to be federally funded). It was agreed that the Law Enforcement Committee study these requests and provide a recommendation to Council at a later date.

Chariman Phinney appointed a committee (Messrs Bailes, Ables, and Thomas) to study the telephone system in the county and report back at the first meeting in April.

Mr. Ables moved, Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried, to lease two water closets from the old jail to the City of Westminster.

Motion by Mr. Thomas to fund the fringe necessary for the three CETA Deputies enabling them to pay for the time they have not been covered (Oct 77 - Feb 78) if they agree to pay their share, and to resume SCPO Retirement coverage on them March 1st. Mr. Cox seconded this motion which was passed. The cost to the County will not be known until we know the desires of the three deputies.

Motion by Mr. Cox seconded by Mr. Crain and carried to create a new correctional officer job under the PSE program.

Resolution 78-2 recommending the S.C. Appalachian Council of Governments as the solid waste planning agency for Oconee County, as required by the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, was approved upon a motion by Mr. Ables seconded by Mr. Thomas and passed unanimously.

County Attorney Jerry Fedder requested County Council to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter in connection with the bid for the sewer treatment plant, and it was agreed.

No action was taken in executive session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.